that infiltration is further minimised and violence levels in J&K remain under check.

Government is monitoring the situation closely, and has made it clear to Pakistan that the premise on which the present dialogue process is continuing is based on the commitment of January 6, 2004 by Pakistan not to permit any territory under it's control to be used to support terrorism in any manner. In the Joint Statement made during the visit of President of Pakistan on April 18, 2005, both countries reaffirmed, *inter alia,* the commitments made in the Joint Statement of January 6, 2004. This issue is also highlighted at the DGMO level talks held from time to time.

Requirement of submarines

1784. DR. VIJAY MALLYA:
SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present requirement of submarines to effectively defend the country's borders and how many the Navy have at present;

(b) whether it is a fact that a number of them are due for retirement and no decision has yet been taken to replace them; and

(c) what action the Ministry propose to take in this regard in view of the time lag involved in manufacture/procurement of submarines?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) The Government has an approved long term perspective plan for the indigenous construction of submarines and acquisition of national competence in submarine building to meet the requirements of the Indian Navy.

The review of force level of Indian Navy is an ongoing process keeping in view the prevailing security environment, threat perception, emerging technologies, decommissioning of ships/submarines and availability of funds. Steps are taken by the Government to meet any deficiencies to ensure full defence preparedness.

Armed Forces Special Power Act (AFSPA)

1785. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state: